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David Lewis
Save The Bay
1330 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94612-2016

Subject: San Francisco Bay Salt Ponds (internal control #AX-15-000-4942)

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for your letter dated February 2, 2015 to Administrator Gina McCarthy concerning potential Clean Water Act (CWA) and Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) protections for the Redwood City site known as the "Saltworks." Cargill Corporation asked the federal government to determine the extent of CWA and RHA jurisdiction at the site, and the process of making a jurisdictional determination remains pending between EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We will update you when the interagency process regarding the jurisdictional determination concludes.

Protecting the San Francisco Bay shoreline is a high priority for the EPA and we are firmly committed to science-based decision making in the federal laws we are charged to implement.

If you would like to discuss the matter further, please contact me at (415) 947-8707.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Diamond", written over the printed name.

Jane Diamond
Director, Water Division